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A portrait of a girl, separated from her life.

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Max stares out the empty window and swallows herself whole. The ocean breeze wafts her back again. She finds herself ungrateful.

Her hair sheds sand like glitter, but never enough to replace the vacant stars. The lights on the boardwalk make a mediocre mimicry.

The asphalt burns through her feet, toppling her onto scabbed and unrepentant knees. A few dozen pixels beckon from the haven called forgetting.

Her child's hands grow up around a joystick, an understanding too simple for cinematography. She guzzles down soda and life with equal apathy.

She prays she never has to go home.

To be free is an allusion to a world not our own. To be alive is much the same.

And then the ocean, ripped away from her. A girl of the waves brought deep into the earth, tied to an unfamiliar womb.

The stars are not kind as she imagined, but distant and cold. Life is slow. The autumn does not fall so delicate. It devours.

And yet, from this horrid town come friends, something almost like family. From far below this cursed earth ascends a savior.

The moon governs the tides. Max leaves her a kiss to give to the waves.